

AMENDMENTS**In the Drawings**

Please add Figures 3B and 3C as shown in the attachment.

In the Specification

At page 2, line 19, please add the following paragraph:

--Figures 3B and 3C shows the connection of two straps.--

At page 11, line 6

--Figures 3B and 3C show respectively, the connection of the distal ends of two shoulder straps (300) and the connection of the distal ends of two side straps (400) with a connection of the type described just above.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 and 8-20 without prejudice to their later renewal and without dedicating any matter contained in those cancelled claims.

Please amend claims 2-7, 21, 24, and 25 as noted below.

2. (Amended) The backpack of claim 21 additionally comprising at least one side support member disposed adjacent a lateral side region of the backpack body and having a proximal end connected to the backpack body at a second transition region between the outer region and the lateral side region and a distal end connected to one of the shoulder support members.

3. (Amended) The backpack of claim 21 wherein the backpack body comprises a single, seamless, continuous member.

4. (Amended) The backpack of claim 21 wherein the backpack body comprises Nylon.

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